

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

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Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

Thank you for your encouragement and support throughout this pandemic. Please know that we continue to do all we can to ensure the well-being of our members. Providing a safe environment is our top priority.

Since my update on January 28th, we've had one member and one employee test positive for COVID-19. Because we've also had some recoveries, we now have seven active positive cases of COVID-19 on campus (three members, four employees).

While we have completed a first round of vaccinations at King, and look forward to the second round on Friday, COVID-19 remains in our communities, remains very contagious, and puts people in Wisconsin at-risk of getting sick, particularly those in long-term care facilities.

We continue to take the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Wisconsin Veterans Homes including:

- Implementing a Safe Visits Plan and offering limited opportunities for family visits. Visitors are screened and visits take place in non-member areas.
- Actively screening every person who enters our facilities, including staff, for COVID-19 symptoms. The screen includes a temperature check.
- Daily screening all members for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Canceling large group activities and communal dining and focusing on smaller unit or individual activities.
- Educating all members and staff to practice social distancing.
- Renewed emphasis on routine environmental cleaning.
- Quarantining positive cases in Stordock Hall and limiting staff to certain designated caretakers for those members.

I encourage you to continue the safe practices of mask wearing, social distancing, and hand washing to help keep everyone in our community healthy.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant

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